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DAY LEAD DONOVAN

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NEW YORK, FEB. 12 (UPI)--THE AMERICAN LAWYER WHO NEGOTIATED THE POWERS-FOR-ABEL SWAP SAYS HE EXPECTS THE SOVIETS TO FREE ANOTHER AMERICAN HELD ON SPY CHARGES.

JAMES B. DONOVAN OF NEW YORK SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD NEGOTIATED WITH THE RUSSIANS OVER MARVIN W. MAKINEN, AN AMERICAN STUDENT WHO WAS ARRESTED LAST JULY DURING A TOUR OF THE SOVIET UNION. MAKINEN, WHOSE HOME IS IN MASSACHUSETTS, IS SERVING AN EIGHT-YEAR SENTENCE IN THE UKRAINE.

DONOVAN, JUST BACK FROM THE SUCCESSFUL TRADE OF U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS FOR SOVIET SPY RUDOLF I. ABEL, ALSO GAVE THE FIRST PARTICIPANT ACCOUNT OF THE SECRECY-SHROUDED EXCHANGE ON A BERLIN BRIDGE.

THE 45-YEAR-OLD, WHITE-HAIRED LAWYER SAID POWERS' FIRST WORDS ON STEPPING OVER TO THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE LITTLE-USED BRIDGE WERE: "GEE, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU."

DONOVAN, WHO WAS ABEL'S COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY IN THE RUSSIAN'S 1957 ESPIONAGE TRIAL, REACHED HIS HOME HERE LATE YESTERDAY AFTER CROSSING THE ATLANTIC ON THE SAME PLANE THAT BROUGHT POWERS BACK TO THIS COUNTRY.

BY NOTING THE TIME, BUT NOT THE PLACE, THAT POWERS DEBARRED FROM THE AIR FORCE C121, DONOVAN VIRTUALLY CONFIRMED THAT THE U2 PILOT LEFT THE PLANE AT DOVER AIR FORCE BASE IN DELAWARE. DONOVAN WENT ON TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MD., AND LATER CONFERRED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

DONOVAN DISCLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS IN EAST BERLIN ALSO INCLUDED THE 33-YEAR-OLD MAKINEN, A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR WHO HAD ATTENDED THE FREE UNIVERSITY IN WEST BERLIN PRIOR TO HIS ILL-FATED AUTO TOUR OF THE SOVIET UNION LAST SUMMER.

"I BELIEVE I HAVE ASSURANCE FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT IN THE EVENT OF BETTER RELATIONS AND AS A RESULT OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED (IN THE POWERS CASE) WE CAN EXPECT THEM TO RELEASE MAKINEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE," DONOVAN SAID.

DONOVAN ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED "I HAVE A COMMITMENT" FOR MAKINEN'S RELEASE.

MAKINEN WAS ARRESTED BY THE SOVIETS AND ACCUSED OF TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF A MILITARY OBJECTIVE. THE RUSSIANS CLAIMED THAT MAKINEN, OF ASHBURNHAM, MASS., HAD CONFESSED TO BEING RECRUITED BY TWO U.S. AGENTS IN BERLIN TO PHOTOGRAPH MILITARY OBJECTIVES DURING THE TOUR.

DONOVAN SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MAKINEN'S FAMILY. THE ATTORNEY ENTERED INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN EAST BERLIN WITH GOVERNMENT APPROVAL, AND DEALT PRIMARILY WITH IVAN SHISHKIN, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN.

DONOVAN RELATED THAT JUST UNDER A DOZEN PERSONS WERE PRESENT AT THE TRADE OF ABEL, WHO WAS SERVING A 30-YEAR SENTENCE FOR ESPIONAGE, FOR POWERS ON BERLIN'S GLIENICKER BRIDGE EARLY SATURDAY. IT CLIMAXED A SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS DURING A LONELY 10 DAYS IN BERLIN WHILE OSTENSIBLY ON A TRIP TO SCOTLAND.

DONOVAN SAID HE WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE BRIDGE BY STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ALAN LIGHTNER, ANOTHER MAN WHO KNEW POWERS AND COULD IDENTIFY THE PILOT, A U.S. PRISON BUREAU OFFICIAL AND A BURLY GUARD, WHO WAS HANDCUFFED TO ABEL.